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STATUS REPORT FOR BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING PROGRAM

On March 4, 2003, your Board directed the development of a Countywide Business Continuity Planning (BCP) program. The Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Chief Information Office (CIO) share program management responsibility for the BCP program. County departments have developed numerous continuity plans and continue to add business strategies that will allow for the delivery of critical services after a disaster.

On January 9, 2007, OEM and CIO reported to your board that the BCP program would be undergoing changes to improve its effectiveness. The first stage in the improvement plan was to identify weaknesses in the existing system and to develop strategies that would improve our plans and address common deficiencies. This included upgrading the Living Disaster Recovery Planning System (LDRPS) software to provide a more robust continuity planning software tool with updated training and guidance for plan writers, more flexible reporting capabilities and improved data integrity.

OEM and CIO successfully upgraded LDRPS and are now in the process of testing migrated plans from the previous system in the new system. OEM and CIO are also working with select pilot program departments to verify that the upgraded software meets the requirements identified in the first stage of the improvement plan. Once the pilot program has been completed, OEM and CIO will begin a phased roll-out to all County departments based on service criticality. As part of the roll out, training classes will be offered to familiarize users with the improved system.

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